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Explaining Australia's labour statistics on-line

A comprehensive explanation of the statistical concepts, sources and methods used in monitoring Australia's labour market was released on-line today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The reference manual **Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods** describes the concepts and definitions underpinning Australian labour statistics, and details the data sources and methods used in the collection and compilation of those statistics. Although the manual covers the broad range of Australian labour statistics, the focus is on the collections conducted by the ABS.

The manual aims to help statistics users to improve their understanding of the range of Australian labour statistics, leading to better analyses and informed decision making based on those statistics. It offers users a comprehensive discussion and description of the different labour statistical series.

The material will be a valuable resource for economists, social analysts, educators, government and industry advisers, and others wanting to understand the methodology behind key labour statistical series like the Labour Force Survey, the Wage Cost Index, and the Survey of Average Weekly Earnings.

Labour Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods (cat. no. 6102.0) is available on-line through the **Statistical Concepts Library** on this website. The web version will be kept current. A one-off printed version of the manual will also be available later this year. If you wish to purchase a copy of this publication, contact the ABS Bookshop in your capital city.

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